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"Return to Alaska of Persons of Japanese Ancestry"

MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Reference: Exec OASW Col Gerhardt in white slip 2 May 45 to OPD for necessary action and preparation of reply for his sig fuds ltr from Mr. DS Myer, Dir, WRA wherein he requests assistance from AD concerning return of Jap evacuees to their homes in Alaska where such locations are not served regularly by common carriers.

2. AG/1 AD Lt Col Wilson discussed this matter w/Gen Emons who stated the WRA will receive full cooperation in this matter and that he has planes available for this purpose. However, there are isolated communities in Alaska that do not provide air strips capable of handling military aircraft and in these cases, he will assist the travelers in obtaining passage by other means. He requested that WRA representatives contact AD Liaison Office in Seattle to make arrangements.

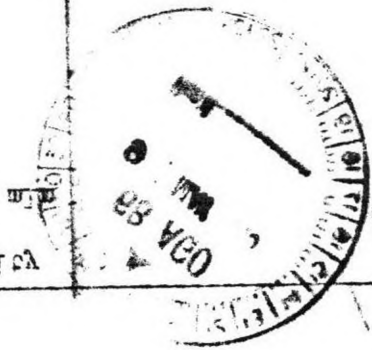
3. OASW Col Gerhardt (4078) has seen a draft of the attached ltr.

4. ACTION: DF to OASW fuds ltr to Dir WRA prepared for sig of Col Gerhardt stating AD will cooperate in returning Jap evacuees to isolated communities in Alaska.

5. Concurrences: OASW, Col Gerhardt (4078)
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